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Community relations centre for Unimas



OFF YOU GO: Kadim (left) sounds the horn as Ismail (second left) lifts the flag to launch 'Kembara IPT Kenyalang 2013' at Unimas.

KUCHING: University Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) will set up a community relations centre to manage its community-based programmes.

According to its vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi, the centre will provide a more organised community service programme.

"We are still in the early planning stage but hope it can materialise soon," Kadim said at the 'Kembara IPT Kenyalang 2013' event at Unimas yesterday.

On a related matter, he urged organisers of community relations programme, especially student elected representatives council, to hold events which can benefit the community directly.

"For example, students can work collectively to build facilities which can benefit villagers and communities they visit," said Suaidi.

He said such community programmes would provide the best platform for students to be trained, especially in people skills useful in the working world.

“It is my wish to see this programme reach its objectives and function as a bridge between students and the surrounding community,” said Kadim.

Samarahan Resident Ismail Mohd Hanis thanked the students for choosing Samarahan for their programme.

“Such a programme will enable you know more of the people and its community and help promote Samarahan to the outside world,” he said.

The exposure is needed for Samarahan District Council to be upgraded to Samarahan City Council in several months’ time.

The programme, which kickstarted yesterday and ends June 30, will see 450 students from several higher learning institutions around Samarahan touring and organising community service activities.

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